

CLAIMSWhat we claim is:

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1. A process of concentrating emulsion polymerised synthetic rubber lattices comprising effecting clustering of the latex particles prior to centrifugation using
10 commercially available centrifuges.

2. A process described in Claim 1 wherein the clustering is effected by creaming agents.

15 3. A process according to Claim 2 wherein the creaming agents include any one of tamarind seed powder and alginates, including ammonium alginate.

4. A process according to any one of Claims 1 and 2 wherein
20 the clustering of the synthetic lattices is effected by adding from 0.05% to 1.0% on latex of the creaming agent and kept standing for 2 to 24 hours prior to centrifugation.

5. A process according to any one of Claims 1 to 3 wherein
25 the separation of cream and stabilization is further improved by the addition of a soap including ammonium oleate.

6. A process according to any one of the preceding claims further comprising mechanical centrifugation using commercial
30 centrifuge means for producing synthetic rubber latex concentrates.

7. A latex composition prepared according to a method claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 5.

8. A latex concentrate obtained according to any one of
s Claims 1 to 6.

9. A product produced from a latex concentrate according to Claim 8.